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To the Chairman and Members
of the
Rural District of Colwyn.

Tyn-y-Berllan,
Builth Wells.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1951.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report for
the year 1951.

General.

The Colwyn Rural District is almost entirely rural, one third of it's dwellings being agricultural dwelling houses, and a large proportion of the remainder being cottages occupied by farm workers.

The only industrial undertakings in the area are a Stone Quarry, a C.W.S. Creamery and two Railway Stations employing a total of approximately 160 persons, most of whom reside outside the Colwyn Rural District.

General and Vital Statistics.

Area 29,579 acres.

Population (estimated July 1951) 1,657.

No. of inhabited houses 489.

Births.

	Males	Females	Total	Rate per 1,000
Live Legit.	5	14	19	11.47

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Still Births	0	0	0	0.00
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<u>Deaths.</u>	Males	Females	Total
Deaths from all causes	10	9	19
Maternal deaths	-	0	0
Deaths under 1 year	1	0	1

Deaths from special causes

Infectious Disease	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Cancer	1	2	3

General Provisions of Health Services.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer. - Dr. D. F. Cameron, Tyn-y-Berllan,
Builth Wells.

Sanitary Officer. -Mr. G. Llewellyn, 12 Oaklands Cres.,
Builth Wells.

Laboratory facilities.

Reductions in train services caused very great difficulties in the submission of water samples to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford, and samples had to be refrigerated overnight for despatch by train on the morning following collection. For the same reason despatch of samples by

train to the Public Analyst's Laboratory, Carmarthen, became impossible.

Facilities for milk testing were available at the Laboratories of the National Agricultural Advisory Service at Brecon and Builth Wells and at the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff.

Ambulance Facilities.

Excellent Ambulance facilities are provided by the Radnorshire County Ambulance, Llandrindod Wells and the Breconshire County Ambulance, Builth Wells.

Home Nursing.

These duties were carried out by the District Nurses under the supervision of the Radnorshire Health Authority.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Orthopaedic, E.N.T. and Chest Clinics are regularly held at Llandrindod Wells and a weekly Chest Clinic is held at Builth Wells.

Hospitals.

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There is no Hospital area, but treatment is available at the County Hospital, Llandrindod Wells or Builth Cottage Hospital, Builth Wells.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Adequate arrangements exist in the area for maternity and child welfare under the supervision of the County Medical Officer for Radnorshire.

Sanitation and Water Supplies.

Water supplies to various parts of the district are obtained from springs, and have remained satisfactory in quantity throughout the year. One supply was cleaned out as a routine measure, and a subsequent sample proved very satisfactory.

Twenty-six samples were taken from private sources, and a considerable amount of advice given on treatment and cleaning.

Number of visits to water supplies-----63.

Llanelwedd Supply.

Number of house supplied direct to the house	14
Population thus supplied	41
Houses supplied by standpipe	Nil.

Aberedw.

Number of houses supplied direct	1
Population thus supplied	3
Houses supplied by standpipe	11
Population thus supplied	35

Llanfaredd.

Houses supplied direct	9
Population thus supplied	26
Houses supplied by standpipe	Nil.

Cregrina.

Houses supplied direct	4.
Population thus supplied	10
Houses supplied by standpipe	2
Population thus supplied	4

Howey.

Houses supplied direct	32
Population thus supplied	240
Houses supplied by standpipe	6
Population thus supplied	15

Hundred House.

Number of houses supplied direct	12
Population thus supplied	39
Houses supplied by standpipe	2
Population thus supplied	6

In addition to the above supplies, the Builth Road area is supplied from a private supply owned by British Railways.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The Council's housing estate at Llanfared and the railway station district of Llanfawdd are served by small sewerage schemes.

No. of drainage inspections	32
No. of drains tested	1

In addition to the above schemes, the Council's estate at Howey is provided with a cesspool drainage for sullage water only.

Public Cleansing.

Only part of the area has a recognised refuse collection scheme. In the parish of Llanfawdd, refuse is collected fortnightly by contract. The establishment of a proper district refuse collection scheme remains a pressing need.

Houses let in Lodgings.

None of the houses in the area are of such a type as to require control by byelaws made under Section 6 of the Housing Act 1936.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the area.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades carried out in the area.

Licensed Premises.

No. of visits by Sanitary Officer	3
Notices served	Nil

Factories.

No. of factories in area-----	4
No. of visits made -----	6
Notices served- - - - -	Nil
Defects found - - - - -	Nil

Camping Sites.

There are no licenced camping sites in the area.

Eradication of Bedbugs etc.

No cases were found during the year.

Rodent Control.

No. of premises inspected -----	178
No. found infested -----	15
No. treated -----	15

Legal Proceedings.

No legal proceedings were taken by the Council during the year.

Housing.

During the year eight houses were completed in the parish of Dissarth and Trecoed.

Plans to build houses in the parish of Aberedw were delayed pending provision of a suitable water supply.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Food condemned - - - - - 48lbs.

Milk.

Milk is supplied throughout the area by producer - retailers. These either reside in the area or serve it from the neighbouring urban district of Builth Wells. The premises of the producer - retailers are controlled by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who showed no lack of co-operation when necessary. In one case where a producer - retailer sought to evade action by the Ministry by giving up production in favour of distribution only, the Sanitary Officer's co-operation was asked for, an immediate visit to the premises made and subsequent action persuaded the distributor to go out of business.

No complaints of unsatisfactory milk supplies were received from consumers.

Meat Inspection.

Regular inspections were maintained at the slaughterhouse at Llanclwedd.

The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and the amount of meat and offal condemned.

	No. Inspected.	Whole Carcasses condemned.	Part Carcasses condemned	Offal condemned
Cattle	179	11	461lbs.	
Sheep	2460	50	108lbs.	
Calves	242	11	32lbs.	
Pigs	67	5	12lbs.	
Offal	--	--	---	1625lbs.

Ice Cream Premises.

There are no retailers of ice-cream in the area.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

The following cases were notified during the year.

				Total
Whooping Cough	0	Males	2	Females
				2
Measles	9	Males	12	Females
				21

The above figures do not represent the true state of affairs as many cases occur which are not notified to the Medical Practitioner.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Facilities for diphtheria immunisation exist at the schools in the area, being carried out by the County Medical Officer.

Other cases are done in the Doctors surgeries.

The total number of children immunised during 1951 was 16.

